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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Xiaolei YU et al.
Title: Method And Device For Detecting Quinolone-Resistant Escherichia Coli
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed in the above-captioned case on May 4, 2006. Applicants believe no additional payment is required for filing this response. If this is incorrect, however, the Commissioner is authorized to make appropriate charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 19-0741 to provide exact payment.

Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-10, for prosecution in the instant application. With respect to claim 4, applicants elect amino acid position 87. With respect to claim 8, applicants elect capture probe "E. coli_GyA87A1" from Table 1.

Applicants specifically reserve the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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